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1. Sulayman Tuqan, Mayor of Nablus, is reported to have stated that the only possible method of settling the Palestine problem would be for Britain to impose a solution which would be ratified later by the United Nations as a "fait accompli".
2. Tuqan apparently believes that the Arabs will accept the Bevin scheme of cantonal self-government subject to the following provisions: that no Jewish state would be formed, that areas of Jewish cantons would be unalterable and that the Arabs would be consulted concerning the immigration question.
3. Darwish Mikdadi, Director of the Jerusalem Arab Office, reportedly stated that if the United Nations decision is unfavorable to Arab demands, a revolt is certain. He admitted that Arab public opinion is not ready for independent action, but deplored the prevalent tendency to seek help from other Arab states and the USSR.
4. Emile Ghuri, Secretary of the Arab Higher Executive, reportedly has instructed Qasim al-Rimawi, a member of the Palestine Arab Party, to seek "Arab Guard" protection groups from the office of the Palestine Arab Party for villages menaced by Jews or British military action. Rimawi will report to Cairo on the Kassemites and other secret organizations disagreeing with the Palestine Arab Party, and take to the Mufti letters urging leadership changes and condemning Jamal Husayni and his followers.
5. Muhammad Nimr Hawari, leader of the Najjadah, is said to have stated that Egyptian arms have been allocated to various Palestine organizations.

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